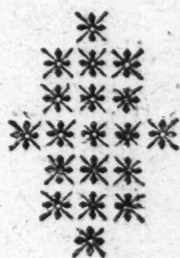


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An INSTRUCTIVE
CATECHISM;

BEING A
PRESERVATIVE
FOR
YOUNG AND OLD
To AVOID SCHISM.

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A PROPHECY, against the Opposers of the BOOK of COMMON-PRAYER.

FIlthy Leachers, false Teachers, cursing Preachers, never
calm!

By Hook or Crook, you will not brook, the Service Book, in this
Realm-

Spight of you whigs, your canting Jigs and *Bothwel-Brigs*, and
all you'r Worth,

The Common-Prayer shall mount up Stair, both here and there
in South and North.

Railing Ranters, Ccovenanters, for all your Banter, I foretel;
The Book shall spread, and shall be read, spight of your Dedd
the De'el of Hell.

A DOGREL on Domine Anderson.

John, thy Head was once Prelatic,
Until thy Tail made thee Phanatic;
And then the Godly took thee in,
Altho' thou was a Man of Sin.
Then thou became, with *Dainty Davie*,
A Bastard in the Tribe of *Levi*.
A Son Calumny and Slander,
And a phanatic *Salamander*,
Llving on hot Coals of Contention:
For which the Whigs give thee a Pension.
A Son of Schism and of Treason,
And a Railer without Reason.
A *Mimus*, *Momus*, and *Suffenus*,
And made a Whig by Lady *Venus*,
Joining the Club of *Core* and *Dathan*,
Thou'rt made an officer to *Sathan*,
An Hypocrite and Soul-deluder,
And Ordinationless Intruder.
So Satan that goes to and fro,
Calls thee, *John Anderson my Jo*.

A S H O R T C A T E C H I S M.

Quest. **I**S a Presbyterian Kirk, a Christian Kirk?

Answ. If a Scriptureless Lord's-prayerless, Creedless, Sacramentless, Altarless, Reasonless, Fatherless, Absolutionless Kirk, be a Christian Kirk, it is the most Christian Kirk in the World.

Q. Are Presbyterians Christians? --- *A.* Yes,

Q. How do you make that appear?

A. Because they abound in charity.

Q. Wherein does their charity consist?

A. In loving their enemies,

Q. Who are their Enemies?

A. The Devil, the World and the Flesh,

Q. Why do not the Presbyterians say the Creed and the Dóxology?

A. Because they are not, Word by Word, in Scripture.

Q. Why do they not say the Lord's Prayer?

A. Because it is Word by Word, in Scripture.

Q. What Scripture have the Presbyterians for not saying the Lord's Prayer?

A. Luke xi. 2. When ye pray say Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Q. What Scripture have the Presbyterians for rising in arms against the King?

A. They have several, I. David's Heart smote him for cutting off a Lap off Saul's Gar-

ment, II. I counsel thee to keep the King's Commandments III. Fear God, and honour the King; and meddle not with them that are given to Changes.

Q. How do they prove they'll be saved for resisting the King?

Q. Rom. xiii. 1. He that resisteth, receiveth to himself Damnation.

Q. What Scripture have the the Presbyterians for Nineteen speaking at once in the General Assembly?

A. Acts xix. 32 Some said one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused, and the most part did not know wherefore they were come together.

Q. Wherefore do not the Presbyterians sing Glory to God on high!

A. Because that was a Song of Angels, made upon Yool-Day; and they are not for Christmas Carrols,

Q. What do the Presbyterians think of the Government in Heaven?

A. They think it too Prelatical; for the Word Archangel sounds like Archbishop, and they wonder that the Angel made not a Covenant against the Archangels in Heaven, as the Presbyterians made against the Archbishops on Earth.

Q. How do the Presbyterians worship God?

A. In words they would not have printed, and faces they would not have painted.

Q. *Why do the Presbyterians disfigure their faces?*

A. Because they are no more for set forms of Faces, than they are for set forms of Graces.

Q. *Have the Presbyterians any set forms at all?*

A. Yes, they have a form of Godliness, but deny the Power thereof.

Q. *What is the sad effect of the want of a form in a Church?*

A. It is just as it was said of the Earth, Gen. i. *The Earth was without form, and void; and Darkness was upon the face of the deep.*

Q. *What Scripture have the Presbyterians for not observing a form?*

A. 2. Tim. i. 13. *Hold fast by the form of sound Words.*

Q. *Why do the Presbyterians give the Title of Saints to the Rebels that died at Pentland-hills and Bothwel-bridge, and yet will not give the Title of Saints to any of the Apostles?*

A. Because the Apostles never subscribed the Solemn League and Covenant, and never rose in Arms against the King.

Q. *What is the only thing in the nation that keeps up the Memory of the Saints?*

A. The Prognostications and the Fairs, such as St. Peter's Day; otherwise there had not been the Memory of any Saint in Scotland.

Q. What Days are the Prsbyterians better acquainted with than the Saints Days?

A. The Dog-days, in July and August; so that they ought to be in the Confusion of barking and rambling Tykes, and not in the Communion of Saints.

Q. Why do the Presbyterians say, That God made Man purposely to damn him, by an eternal Decree of Reprobation?

A. Because their Catechism says, Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Q. Why do they say, That God glorifies himself in our damnation, as well as our salvation?

A. Because, the Scripture says, As I live saith the Lord, I delight not in the death of sinners.

Q. Why did the Magistrates of Edinburgh, protect the general meeting of the Quakers with a Guard, and yet persecute the Episcopel Ministers?

A. Because the Quakers Religion and the Presbyterians is all one.

What is their Religion?

A. The Devil's.

Q. What is the Devil's Religion?

A. St James ii. 10. The Devils believe and tremble; i. e. They believe without good Works: these are Presbyterians; they tremble, and so they are Quakers.

Q. Why was Mr Cant and Mr Abercromby put in prison?

A. Because they did not pray expressly.

Q. Why was Mr Wingate and Mr Guthry in prison?

A. Because they did pray expressly.

Q. Why was the Duke of Gordon in prison?

A. Because he was a Papist.

Q. Why was Lord Sinclair a prisoner?

A. because he was a Protestant.

Q. Why was the Earl of Murray a prisoner?

A. Because he was not on the Revolution-footing.

Q. Why was Lord Belhaven a Prisoner?

A. Because he was on the Revolution-footing.

Q. Why were the Stirling-shire Gentlemen prisoners?

A. Because they went from their own houses.

Q. Why was the Duke of Athole a prisoner?

A. Because he went not from his own House.

Q. Why was Lord Salton a prisoner?

A. Because he was for a King.

Q. Why was the Laird of Salton a prisoner?

A. Because he was for no King.

Q. To what may the practice of all this be compared?

A. To Bailie Barthwick in Leith, who fined one Man for keeping of Swine, and Another for not keeping of Swine. FINIS.